

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 20, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Bob Lidfors, Caren Wilson, Patricia Kepler, Jamie Cloghessy, Deborah Levy, April Jordan.

**Members Absent:** Stan Richardson, Michael Whipple, Bob Buchanan, Marga Stone.

**Guests:**

**Committee Liaisons:** Councilor San Soucie discussed the structure of the CDAC Board and its purpose to provide guidance and advice to the City on issues related to disabilities.

The next steps in the Civic Plan are to develop long range visions for the City and how to achieve them. A draft set of strategies will be presented to the public in meetings on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library Auditorium. Those meetings will solicit feedback from the public to use in formally adopting a plan.

**Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes:** Patricia made a motion to approve the December 2010 meeting minutes. Caren seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Reports:**

- Jamie reported she had visited the Murrayhill Safeway Store recently and found shopping carts marked for persons with disabilities inaccessible because they were behind product displays. Jamie filled out a customer comment card expressing concern about the lack of access, and signed it as a member of the CDAC. When Jamie returned to the store a few days later, she found the displays had been moved out of the way and the carts were easily accessed. This is an example of the Committee's purposes to constructively educate businesses on issues of accessibility.
- Patricia reported on a Beaverton mother who is trying to start a social club for young people with special needs and asked the Beaverton School District if fliers could be distributed to students within the District. The School District has denied her request because the club would not enhance instruction or provide extra-curricular learning opportunities. Patricia provided a flier that announced a meeting to gain support for the club on February 12, 2011 at the Round Table Pizza at 10150 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy from 12:30pm-2pm.

**Old Business:**

- Mental Health Client Training. This was an item that past member Tony Guillen had added. Brad will contact Tony and see if more information can be provided to either move the item forward or consider other issues.

- City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities. There was a brief discussion on this issue. There is a need for this service; however, there are significant challenges to create such a service.
- Training opportunities for police officers on how to recognize and deal with people with mental health issues. Councilor San Soucie contacted the Police Chief about what type of training police officers receive. The Chief indicated he would be happy to have a member of his staff attend a meeting to explain the type of training provided. Brad will see about setting up such a presentation.

#### New Business:

- Welcome and introduction of new Committee Members. Introductions and welcomes were made for the new members Deborah Levy and April Jordan.
- Choosing the 2011 Chair and Vice-chair. The start of year requires the CDAC members to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Patricia made a motion nominating Caren Wilson for the position of Chairperson, Jamie seconded the motion. The motion passed, Caren Wilson will serve as the Chairperson for 2011. The choice for a Vice-Chair was tabled to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2011